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In re application of:

Sethuraman Suresh et al.

Serial No.: 08/923,612

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For: System and Methods for

Synchronizing Information Among

Disparate Datasets

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 1999, please amend the above-referenced patent application as shown below. A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed herewith.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 21 as shown below, and cancel claim 26. All claims are shown below for the Examiner's convenience. Claims that have not been changed are shown in small print.

1. (Amended) In a system providing one dataset in communication with another dataset, a method for synchronizing datasets comprising:

receiving a request specifying synchronization of information records of a source dataset <u>residing</u> on a first device with information records of a target dataset <u>residing</u> on a second device;